

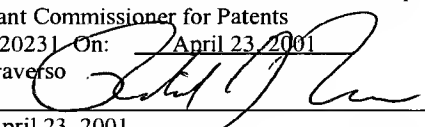


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :
Chris BERTELO et al. : Group Art Unit: 1711
Serial No.: 09/088,707 : Examiner: J. Mullis
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For: IMPACT ADDITIVE OF THE CORE/SHELL TYPE FOR THERMOPLASTIC
POLYMERS (AS AMENDED)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2000, please amend the above
identified application as indicated below and consider the remarks which follow.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 28 and 69 as follows.

(Thrice Amended) A polyvinyl chloride composition containing a core/shell
impact additive said impact additive comprising:

- a) 70 % to 90 % by weight of a crosslinked elastomeric core composed:
- 1) of 20 % to less than 100 % by weight of a nucleus composed of a copolymer
(I) of an n-alkyl acrylate, the alkyl group having a carbon number ranging from 5 to 12, of a
polyfunctional crosslinking agent possessing unsaturated groups in its molecule, at least one of
which is a vinyl group and optionally of a polyfunctional grafting agent possessing unsaturated

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